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NOTICE INFORMING THE APPLICANT OF THE
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(PCT Rule 47.1(c), first sentence)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 11 March 1999 (11.03.99)		
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International application No. PCT/AU98/00710	International filing date (day/month/year) 02 September 1998 (02.09.98)	Priority date (day/month/year) 02 September 1997 (02.09.97)
Applicant NEC AUSTRALIA PTY. LTD. et al		

1. Notice is hereby given that the International Bureau has communicated, as provided in Article 20, the international application to the following designated Offices on the date indicated above as the date of mailing of this Notice:

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3. Enclosed with this Notice is a copy of the international application as published by the International Bureau on
11 March 1999 (11.03.99) under No. WO 99/12353

REMINDER REGARDING CHAPTER II (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54.2)

If the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase until 30 months (or later in some Offices) from the priority date, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date.

It is the applicant's sole responsibility to monitor the 19-month time limit.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT**Information on patent family members**

International application No.

PCT/AU 98/00710

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US	5410343	AU	24894/92	EP	605454	NZ	244083
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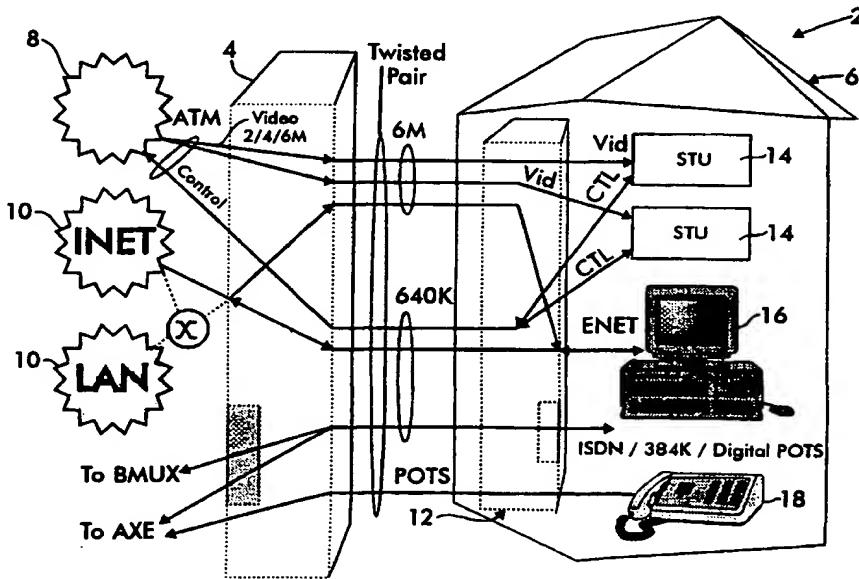


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(54) Title: A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM



(57) Abstract

A distribution switch for a local exchange, including an access unit for switching video channels transmitted to subscribers in response to channel requests received from subscribers, and a control unit for controlling switching of the channels by the access unit in accordance with stored conditional access data. The conditional access data includes contact description data for the video channels and entitlement data for the subscribers, which is compared by the control unit for the channel requests. The switch may include a DVB interface unit for receiving DVB signals, extracting the video channels from the DVB signals, and multiplexing the video channels onto a data path for the access unit. The DVB interface unit can extract the conditional access data from the DVB signals.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC Int. Cl. 6 H04N 7/173 ; H04M 11/00		
Applicant NEC AUSTRALIA PTY Ltd. (et al)		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.																
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.																
<input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).																
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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed.

the description, pages , as originally filed,
 pages , filed with the demand,
 pages , filed with the letter of .

the claims, pages , as originally filed,
 pages , as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19,
 pages , filed with the demand,
 pages , filed with the letter of .

the drawings, pages , as originally filed,
 pages , filed with the demand,
 pages , filed with the letter of .

the sequence listing part of the description:
 pages , as originally filed
 pages , filed with the demand
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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language which is:

the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

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3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, was on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.

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The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages

the claims, Nos.

the drawings, sheets/fig

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 2-18, 20-28	YES
	Claims 1,19	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims nil	YES
	Claims 1-28	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-28	YES
	Claims nil	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

NOVELTY (N) Claims 1,19

-US 5,410,343
 -WO 93/06692
 -US 5,625,404
 -US 5,528,281
 -EP 0,425,145
 -EP 0,589,620
 -WO 95/34169

Each of these citations explicitly discloses all of the features of these claims.

INVENTIVE STEP (IS) Claims 1-28

Claims 1,19 as above

Claims 2-18, 20-28

These claims add features which would either be obvious to a person skilled in the art or merely amount to adding common general knowledge.

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<p>(21) International Application Number: PCT/US95/13016</p> <p>(22) International Filing Date: 4 October 1995 (04.10.95)</p> <p>(30) Priority Data: 367,976 30 December 1994 (30.12.94) US</p> <p>(60) Parent Application or Grant (63) Related by Continuation US 367,976 (CON) Filed on 30 December 1994 (30.12.94)</p> <p>(71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): VISIONARY CORPORATE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. [US/US]; Unit 2B, 264 Village Boulevard, Incline Village, NV 89452 (US).</p> <p>(72) Inventor; and (75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): LUDWIG, Lester, Frank, Jr. [US/US]; 548 Trinidad Lane, Foster City, CA 94404 (US).</p> <p>(74) Agents: ARTZ, John, A. et al.; Brooks & Kushman, 22nd floor, 1000 Town Center, Southfield, MI 48075 (US).</p>		<p>(81) Designated States: AM, AT, AU, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CZ, DE, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, GE, HU, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KZ, LK, LR, LT, LU, LV, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, TJ, TM, TT, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, ARIPO patent (KE, MW, SD, SZ, UG), European patent (AT, BE, CH, DE, DK, ES, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG).</p> <p>Published With international search report. Before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of the receipt of amendments.</p> <p>(88) Date of publication of the international search report: 24 October 1996 (24.10.96)</p>	
<p>(54) Title: MULTIMEDIA COMMUNICATIONS VIA PUBLIC TELEPHONE NETWORKS</p> <p>(57) Abstract</p> <p>Methods and systems are disclosed for providing multimedia telecommunication services to multimedia workstations (100, 102). The multimedia workstations (100, 102) communicate with a multimedia central office (112) which includes a digital switch complex (150) coupled to a public digital telephone network (106), and at least one twisted pair transceiver (152) coupled to at least one twisted pair link in a telephone loop plant. The multimedia central office (112) further includes at least one switch complex (154) operatively associated with the digital switch complex and the at least one twisted pair transceiver. The multimedia central office is capable of transceiving signals with multimedia workstations interfaced to the public digital telephone network, and with multimedia workstations interfaced to the at least one twisted pair link in the telephone loop plant. The signals which are transceived include audio signals, video signals, and digital data signals used in providing the multimedia telecommunication services.</p>			

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Int'l Application No
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IPC 6 H04L12/64 H04N7/10

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 6 H04L H04M H04Q H04N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P,A	GB,A,2 282 506 (VICOR INC) 5 April 1995 see page 3, line 21 - page 5, line 10 --- A TRANSACTIONS OF THE INSTITUTE OF ELECTRONICS, INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERS OF JAPAN, vol. E74, no. 9, September 1991, TOKYO JP, pages 2696-2702, XP000271990 HIROSHI SHIMIZU ET AL: "IVDLAN STANDARDIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT" --- -/-	1-4, 22-25
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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	PROC. OF THE 1ST INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY NETWORKING- INTEGRATED MULTIMEDIA SERVICES TO THE HOME- 13 - 14 July 1994, SAN FRANCISCO(US), pages 203-209, XP000566578 S.V.AHAMED ET AL: "HDSL AND ADSL CAPACITY OF THE OUTSIDE LOOP PLANT FOR MULTIMEDIA SERVICES TO THE HOME" ---	1.22
A	PATENT ABSTRACTS OF JAPAN vol. 18, no. 47 (E-1496), 25 January 1994 & JP,A,05 268585 (MATSUSHITA), 15 October 1993, see abstract ---	43,44
A	EP,A,0 352 210 (ETAT FRANCAIS) 24 January 1990 see column 5, line 19 - line 30 see column 6, line 19 - line 24 see column 8, line 29 - line 45 ---	43,44
A	EP,A,0 617 560 (A.T.T.) 28 September 1994 see abstract ---	43,44
A	EP,A,0 244 260 (SHARP) 4 November 1987 see abstract -----	43,44

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US95/13016

Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims 1-42: System for providing a plurality of multimedia telecommunication services and method therefor.

2. Claims 43-44: System (and method) for communicating an analog video signal and an audio signal over twisted pair links.

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.

2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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